

City of Baraboo
Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Committee
May 3, 2021 – Minutes

Present: James Francisco, Chantel Steinhorst, Jimmy Kimball, Todd Pershe, John Statz, Carla Cross & Mike Hardy
Also Present: 3 members of the public

Francisco called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Legal posting of the agenda had been met.

Steinhorst motioned to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Pershe. Motion carried.

Steinhorst moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Pershe. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Francisco highlighted goals from 2016 planning that were not completed as of 2021 either due to lack of funding, time or changes in priorities. Members discussed those items not completed and which ones should be carried forward to the new CORP. The majority of items were preferred to be considered for inclusion, however the following were not seen as priority goals :

- Arboretum phase 2 bridge (members felt access could be made from the street bridge)
- Picnic shelter & field 4 lighting at Steinhorst field 4
- Playground equipment at Cambell Park should be included with pool project plans
- New shelter/concessions on fields 4/5 should not be done unless it replaces existing concessions and serves entire park
- New wading pool patio at pool should be considered with any pool project plans
- New fishing pier at City View Park was questioned as fluctuating water levels with water often extremely low-Deppe pond dredging and restoration of that fishing area was seen as higher priority
- Steinhorst Park basketball court was questioned and not seen as high of a priority by most

Members felt several items, such as skatepark ramp replacement, Deppe Pond dredging and playground replacements at several parks were highest priority items in addition to swimming pool improvements.

Members discussed input submitted by stakeholders on future facility needs and discussed items to include in next CORP. It was noted that the Zoo seems to be in good shape with improvements made in last 10 years, and should continue to focus on smaller native or farm animal exhibits. The Jackson property was discussed as a potential area to provide off road bike trails in the proposed conservancy. Continued work on river cleanup and additional access points for kayaking and fishing should be considered. The swimming pool/Campbell Park renovation as a whole should be main priority. Continued work to bring Great Sauk State Trail to Baraboo as well as looking into future space for pickleball courts as participation increases.

Francisco summarized the park tour from last month and anything that may have stood out to members. Several mentioned Campbell Park as a whole needing considerable updates, specifically the swimming pool, but also skatepark, playground and tennis courts.

Steinhorst moved to adjourn, seconded by Statz. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 7 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Hardy, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director